

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
May 24, 2021

Present: Jacob Benda, Dave Geslin, Nils Halker, David Jenkins, Liisa Keranen, Laura Potratz, Phillip Radtke, Kris Rizzotto, Lise Schmidt

Absent: Joyce Brown, Jessica Park, Joe Trucano, John Varona

Also present: Chaplain John Setterlund

Call to Order by Dean David Jenkins at 6:30 PM, Virtual Meeting via the Zoom App hosted by St. Paul Seminary

The meeting began with a reflection by Chaplain John Setterlund on Pentecost. He also shared ideas from a book he is reading about Michael Praetorius who had a very productive career. The Chaplain encouraged us to look ahead as we move to “brighter seasons and expanding opportunities”. A prayer followed.

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

The April minutes were approved as corrected.

David Jenkins led an informal brief check in with board members.

Report: The secretary’s report was given by David Jenkins.

The Election is completed and the results are:

Dean: Jacob Benda

Sub Dean: Jennifer Anderson

Class of 2024 : Isaac Drewes, Kathrine Handford, Kristina Langlois

Report: The Program Committee report was given by Jacob Benda.

The committee is working on the details for the TCAGO opening event at Northrop Auditorium scheduled for October 17, 2021. This will bring together the Documentary Premier, a performance by Hector Olivera and a reception. The event will also be live streamed. It will be noted that Northrop is being very gracious in helping to sponsor this event and covering over half of the cost of the artist’s fee, and publicity. TCAGO will cover the reception fees. Our revenue (ticket sales) from this event may or may not cover the costs. This event is an investment in our community as well as a celebration after a long pandemic.

Following Sunday’s event, Hector Olivera will have a presentation at St. Andrew’s in Mahtomedi for the TCAGO chapter on Monday October 18, 2021

Other events for the year will include:

-Bach Birthday Bash in March, hopefully in person

-The Mid-Winter event in January or February possibly revolving around the Year of the Young Organist

-David Higgs will present a program at St. Thomas in March

-Member's recital in May. This year is the centennial celebration of the Eastman School of Music. The program committee is looking into having a program featuring our local Eastman alumni as well as possibly commissioning a piece of music.

This program year looks to be a great welcome back year and a boost for our local chapter.

Report: The Treasurer's report was given by David Geslin

This past year has been an unusual year. Our budget is healthy. Each year we take 4% from the endowment fund for the budget. Any unused money goes to a reserve fund. This past year members' dues were paid by our local chapter. \$10K was used from the reserve fund.

There was discussion regarding the new 2021-2022 budget. It is based on a pre-pandemic budget.

Motion: Phil Radtke moved the board accept the 2021-2022 Budget

Second Nils Halker

Motion passed.

There was discussion about the some additional expenses for our documentary. There has been much donated labor for this project. The project grew from our original expectation and will be our legacy.

Motion: Lise Schmidt made a motion to approve an additional \$ 2,500 for additional expenses for the documentary.

Second: Phil Radtke

Motion carried

The end of the year social was discussed. The new board members will be welcomed and the retiring members honored.

Motion: Nils Halker moved to close the meeting

Second: Jacob Benda

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Joyce Brown, Secretary